

Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1     1.     (currently amended)     An adjustable side rail, comprising:  
2                 a first elongate rail portion having a top edge and a bottom edge;  
3             and  
4                 a second elongate rail portion ~~having spatially separated opposing~~  
5             ~~upper and lower grooves;~~  
6                 means for slidably joining the first elongate rail portion to the  
7             second elongate rail portion, each groove slidably receiving one of the top  
8             ~~and bottom edges of the first elongate rail portion when the first elongate~~  
9             ~~rail portion engages the second elongate rail portion; and~~  
10                 a tab projecting straight back from one end of ~~one of the first and~~  
11             second elongate rail portion[s] for insertion into a mounting rail hole  
12             disposed perpendicularly relative to the second elongate rail portion, the  
13             tab having a first side edge on one side thereof and a second side edge on  
14             an opposite side thereof, each side edge of the tab having with a notch  
15             formed therein, the notch in the first side edge of the tab catching an  
16             edge of a hole when the second elongated rail portion is coupled to a first  
17             rear mounting rail on one side of the rack and the notch in the second  
18             opposite side edge of the tab catching an edge of a hole when the second  
19             elongated rail portion is coupled to a second rear mounting rail on the



20        ~~opposite side of the rack for catching an edge of a hole in a rear~~  
21        ~~mounting rail into which the tab is inserted and for anchoring the one~~  
22        ~~end of that elongate rail portion to the mounting rail while a length of the~~  
23        ~~side rail is adjusted,.~~

1    2.    (currently amended) The adjustable side rail of claim 1, further  
2        comprising a flange at the one end of each ~~one~~ of the first and second  
3        elongate rail portions for fastening that elongate rail portion to a  
4        mounting rail.

1    3.    (original) The adjustable side rail of claim 1, wherein each of the first and  
2        second elongate rail portions includes a plurality of vent openings in a  
3        side thereof.

1    4.    (canceled)

1    5.    (currently amended)    The adjustable rail of claim 41, further  
2        comprising a second tab projecting from the one end of the ~~first~~ second  
3        elongated rail portion.

1    6.    (currently amended) The adjustable side rail of claim 1, wherein the  
2        ~~second~~ first elongated rail portion has a ~~lower edge and~~ a shelf portion  
3        extending laterally from the ~~lower~~ bottom edge for supporting a side of an  
4        equipment unit.



1 7. (currently amended) The adjustable side rail of claim 6, wherein the  
2 ~~second~~ first elongated rail portion has a rear edge and a forwarding-  
3 facing tab extending from the rear edge, the forward-facing tab limiting  
4 an extent of rearward placement of the equipment unit on the shelf  
5 portion.

1 8. (currently amended) The adjustable side rail of claim 1, wherein the first  
2 elongated rail portion includes ~~the~~ grooves that extend laterally from an  
3 outward facing surface of the ~~second~~ first elongated rail portion.

1 9. (canceled)

1 10. (original) The adjustable side rail of claim 1, wherein the first elongate  
2 rail portion includes an upper groove and a lower groove spatially  
3 separated from and opposing the upper groove, the grooves of the first  
4 elongate rail portion being configured to receive top and bottom rail  
5 guides of an equipment rail attached to a side of an equipment unit.

1 11. (canceled)

1 12. (canceled)

1 13. (canceled)

1 14. (canceled)



1 15. (canceled)

1 16. (canceled)

1 17. (currently amended) A cabinet rack system, comprising a pair of  
2 adjustable side rails, each adjustable side rail being coupled to a rear  
3 mounting rail and to a front mounting rail and having first elongate rail  
4 portion, a second elongate rail portion, and a tab projecting straight back  
5 from a back end of ~~one of the first and second elongate portions~~ for  
6 insertion into a hole of the rear mounting rail disposed perpendicularly  
7 relative to the second elongate rail portion, the first elongate rail portion  
8 having a top edge and a bottom edge, the second elongate rail portion  
9 having spatially separated opposing upper and lower grooves, each  
10 groove slidably receiving one of the top and bottom edges of the first  
11 elongate rail portion, the tab having a first edge on one side thereof and a  
12 second side edge on an opposite side thereof, each side edge of the tab  
13 having with a notch formed therein, wherein  
14 the notch in the first side edge of the tab catches an edge of the  
15 hole when the rear mounting rail to which the second elongated rail  
16 portion is coupled is on one side of the rack, and the notch in the second  
17 side edge of the tab catches an edge of the hole when the rear mounting  
18 rail to which the second elongated rail portion is coupled is on the



19        ~~opposite side of the rack for catching an edge of the hole in the rear~~  
20        ~~mounting rail into which the tab is inserted and anchoring the back end~~  
21        ~~of that elongate rail portion with the tab to the rear mounting rail while a~~  
22        ~~front end of the other elongate rail portion is coupled to the front~~  
23        ~~mounting rail.~~

1    18.    (original) The cabinet rack of claim 17, further comprising an equipment  
2        assembly including an equipment unit and an equipment rail attached to  
3        each side of the equipment unit, each equipment rail being slidably  
4        coupled to one of the adjustable side rails when the equipment assembly  
5        is installed in the cabinet rack.

1    19.    (original) The cabinet rack of claim 17, wherein each adjustable side rail  
2        has a bottom edge and a shelf portion extending laterally from the  
3        bottom edge, and further comprising an equipment unit disposed on the  
4        shelf portions of the adjustable side rails.

1    20.    (original) The cabinet rack of claim 17, further comprising an equipment  
2        tray having integrated equipment rails, the integrated equipment rails  
3        being slidably coupled to the adjustable side rails when the equipment  
4        tray is installed in the cabinet rack.



1 21. (new) The cabinet rack of claim 17, further comprising an equipment  
2 tray having integrated equipment side rails, wherein one of the integrated  
3 side rails includes the first elongated rail portion.

1 22. (new) The adjustable side rail of claim 1, wherein the means for slidably  
2 joining include the top and bottom edges of the first elongate rail portion  
3 and spatially separated opposing upper and lower grooves of the second  
4 elongate rail portion, each groove of the second elongate rail portion  
5 slidably receiving one of the top and bottom edges of the first elongate  
6 rail portion when the first elongate rail portion slidably joins the second  
7 elongate rail portion.

1 23. (new) The adjustable side rail of claim 1, wherein the means for slidably  
2 joining include upper and lower grooves of the first elongate rail portion  
3 that extend laterally from an outward facing surface of the first elongated  
4 rail portion and upper and lower edges of the second elongate rail  
5 portion, each groove of the first elongate rail portion slidably receiving  
6 one of the upper and lower edges of the second elongate rail portion  
7 when the first elongate rail portion slidably joins the second elongate rail  
8 portion.